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## Saudi Ambassador Hosts Future Business Leaders

WASHINGTON [October 22, 2009] – Today, Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir hosted a farewell reception at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC to honor participants of the Arab & American Business Fellowship Program (AABF). This program, launched in 2007, is a joint effort between the National U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC), U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy, Business for Diplomatic Action, and Young Arab Leaders.

"Saudi Arabia is honored to host this delegation of emerging business leaders from the region," said Ambassador Al-Jubeir. "Fostering business to business relationships is a critical part of building a foundation of mutual understanding for the future generation of Arab and American business communities."

The AABF initiative was developed to create opportunities and encourage cross-cultural dialogue and opportunities between Arab business executives and their American counterparts. Participants are between the ages of twenty-five and forty-five. This year's program included 12 fellows from the U.S. and 16 Fellows from the Arab world, including Saudi Arabia.

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